

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Spc. Monica Smith

Aviation Brigade supports education – Laterica Crawford (left), fifth grader at Pulaski Elementary School, spells the word “ridicule” to Nicole Purdy, a guidance counselor at the school to win the school’s spelling bee, Jan. 15. Behind Purdy sits 1st Sgt. John Vanvactor of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade; Capt. Ken Fleming, commander of HHC; and Master Sgt. James Krupp, also with HHC. The three Soldiers served as the judges’ panel for the bee. The company volunteers at Pulaski Elementary as part of an adopt-a-school program.

1HBCT supports local blood drive

Pfc. Jared S. Eastman
1st HBCT Public Affairs

“My world goes black before I feel an angel steal me from the greedy jaws of death and chance, and pull me in with steady hands. They’ve given me a second chance, the artist in the ambulance...”

Dustin Kensrue of Thrice spoke highly of the medics that race down streets everyday saving lives, but as important as the medic is, the blood donated by an unsuspecting person is just as vital to saving someone’s life.

Soldiers, Family Members and Army Civilians were given the opportunity to donate blood at Caro Gym, Jan. 23. The drive, coordinated by 1-3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion, accumulated 86 pints of blood, an extraordinary feat considering that almost the entire brigade is ineligible to give blood, as it has been less than a year since the brigade redeployed from Iraq.

“The Red Cross has done an awesome job helping us, from requiring supplies, to helping us get the word out, to working all day to get the job done,” said 1st Lt. Stuck, HHC 1-3 BSTB. “The American Red Cross does so many things for our Soldiers, so we’re just trying to give back.”

Soldiers who donated were also adamant about persuading others to join the drive.

“I donated blood, and then escorted people to the rest area so they can refuel on juice and snacks,” said Pvt. Dustin Knight, HHC 1-3 BSTB. “I was pretty excited to give blood. I like to help out in

any way I can.”

Despite the amount of Soldiers that were unable to donate, the day remained hectic for American Red Cross volunteers. One such volunteer is Rick Hill.

“We’re doing really well; it’s been non-stop since we started,” he said, as he moved from one donor to the next checking bags and needles. “We need blood for surgeries, cancer victims and accidents. It’s also good for the donor; it lowers cholesterol and blood pressure. We supply all the hospitals in the state of Georgia, whoever needs the blood the most gets it first.”

Lieutenant Colonel Rick Hansen, 1-3 BSTB commander, said he too was pleased with the results of the drive.

“We had a great turn out for the blood drive, and I really want to thank all the Soldiers and Family Members and members of the local community that came to donate,” said Hansen.

“The life you save from the blood you donate could be someone you know, whether it be a Soldier, a Family Member, or someone from the community. For this particular blood drive, the Army got credit for those 86 pints of blood.”

The battalion has high hopes for future blood drives, especially in the coming months.

“There are a lot of Soldiers who can’t donate because they came back from deployments,” Hansen said, “but we’re planning on another blood drive at the end of April so that all of 1st Brigade will be back for a year, and we’ll have a much larger donor base to work with.”



Pfc. Jared Eastman

Private 1st Class Nydia Montoya, HHC, 1-3 BSTB, chats with her American Red Cross collection supervisor, Behanka Hayles, as she prepares to donate blood, Friday at Caro Gym. The 1-3 BSTB-run drive accumulated 86 pints of blood.

Community leaders visit Hunter Army Airfield



Spc. Monica Smith

Cathy Rodgers, a marketing coordinator and brand manager at Melaver, Inc., flies in the front seat of an Apache flight simulator as Capt. Jeff Minders, HHC, 1/3 Avn., answers questions from the ladies of the bridge group, Jan. 15 at Hunter.

Spc. Monica K. Smith
CAB Public Affairs

They fired M-16s at the range, climbed into and out of a Black Hawk, fired Hellfires from an Apache and still had time to make it to lunch. This was no ordinary bridge club.

“This group includes commanders’ spouses and women in leadership positions in local businesses in Savannah,” said Marjorie Young, a board member of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce and president of Carriage Trade Public Relations, Inc. “We take turns hosting events with the goal of helping to welcome (newly arriving commanders’ wives) into the community, and if they have any questions or requests we can help them.”

The 14 ladies bundled up against the cold to tour

Hunter Army Airfield, Jan. 15. The tour included time at the Engagement Skills Trainer where the ladies had the opportunity to wear body armor and shoot an electronic M-16 at moving targets. From there the ladies visited the flight line, touring a static display of the Combat Aviation Brigade’s aircraft.

“I was most impressed by the MEDEVAC,” said Lisa Scarbrough, president and founder of Coastal Pet Rescue. “I grew up here and drove past Hunter all the time, but I didn’t know what was going on behind the mysterious walls. Now I can identify what’s flying over me.”

After the ladies were acquainted with the brigade’s aircraft, they were led to the Apache flight simulator where they had the opportunity to fly in the front seat of the simulator and fire at tar-

gets.

“I like blowing stuff up,” said Scarbrough. “I’m usually a non-violent person, but this was fun.”

Though enjoying the afternoon was part of the goal of the event, networking and military appreciation was the primary purpose.

“It takes a good six months to feel integrated in the community,” said Doreen Vandal, wife of Brig. Gen. Thomas Vandal, deputy commanding general of the 3rd Infantry Division. “This group makes it that much easier. They know the inside of what’s going on in the community.”

“We have a pulse on the community,” said Young. “We know what happens, and this group can get together, have fun and find out where to get our fun in Savannah and also learn and appreciate the sacrifices (Soldiers) make.”

MWR Briefs

Sign up for 'Biggest Loser'

Sign-up for the Biggest Loser," a chance for participants to shed unwanted pounds and have fun in a friendly competition in which everyone's a winner. Registration at Stewart's Newman Fitness Center, (building 439) and at Hunter's Tominac Fitness Center (building 919) closes Friday. Contestants can compete individually or in a two-person team for extra motivation. Individuals and teams will be required to weigh-in Feb. 23-25, March 23-25 and April 20-22. The final weigh-in is May 16. The individual and team losing the highest percentage of body weight at both Stewart and Hunter will receive a special prize. There will also be give-a-ways at each weigh-in. For more information, contact the Recreation Delivery System at 767-4316 at Stewart or Tominac Fitness Center at 315-2019 at Hunter.

Register for MCEC Workshop

The sign-up continues through March 13 for a two-day workshop on "Living in the New Normal," to be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 23 and 24 at Hunter Club, building 6015. There is no charge and meals will be provided. To register online, go to www.militarychild.org and for more

information, contact the school liaison office at 315-6586.

Circus trip deadline extends

The registration deadline is today for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus Trip, scheduled for Jan. 31. We will depart early afternoon from Stewart and Hunter Leisure Activities Centers for Savannah Civic Center. Showtime is at 3 p.m.

The discounted tickets cost \$20 per person for both adults and children (includes bus transportation only). Bus space is limited, so sign-up early and enjoy the circus. For details, call 767-2841 at Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter.

Enjoy a venison cook-off

The entry deadline has been extended until Friday for the first Big Buck Gala Reception and Venison Cook-Off scheduled from 5-8 p.m., Saturday at Club Stewart, building 405. Three cooking categories will be judged (deer chili, deer sausage, and deer steaks). Contestants may sign-up for more than one cooking category at the Fort Stewart Pass and Permit Office, building 8093 (Hwy 144E). The fee is \$5 per entry category. Prizes will be awarded for each category. The

gala is free and open to the public. For more information, call 435-8061.

Ski trip scheduled

The Leisure Activities Center has planned a trip from Feb. 13-15 for those who want to experience the Great Smoky Mountains. Remember, the deadline to sign-up is Feb. 2. We will be staying at the River Terrace Resort by Westgate, which is right next door to the mountain for skiing, ice rink for ice skating, the alpine slide, go karts, and the scenic chairlift.

The cost is \$275 for up to four people per room and transportation included to the Gatlinburg resort. For more details, call 767-2841 at Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter.

Teen dance slated

Child and Youth School Services hosts two dances, Feb. 7 at the Youth Center, building 1289.

For youth, 11-12 years old, the dance will be 7-10 p.m.; for youth 13-18, the dance is 8-11 p.m. The dances are open to CYSS members and their guests. Dress to impress.

The cost is \$2 for CYSS members and \$3 for their guests. For details, call 315-5708.

Enjoy BOSS comedy

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a comedy show 8 p.m., Jan. 30 at Rocky's. Tickets are \$15. Door prizes will be awarded. For more information about the show or about BOSS, call Staff Sgt. Michele Duncan at 767-9917.

Gear up for Ranger Run

Sign up for the Ranger/Hunter Runway 10K 9 a.m., Feb. 28 on Hunter. Register by Feb. 20; cost is \$25. The race is limited to the first 1,000 participants. Proceeds benefit the 1st Ranger Battalion Family Readiness Group. Sign-up at the Ranger HQ, Fleet Feet Sports of Savannah or Savannah Striders, WTOC in Savannah or their respective Web Sites.

Enjoy the SuperBowl at Rocky's

Join the excitement and watch all the action on several big-screen TVs at Rocky's, building 703, when the Cardinals collide with the Steelers Sunday in Super Bowl XLIII at Raymond James Stadium, in Tampa, Florida. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

There is no charge. For more information, call 767-8715.



Pets of the Week

Clint the dog and Pixie the cat are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



Woodruff theatre is closed for renovations

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Your morning drink may do more than you think: caffeine and its side effects

Dr. Joseph Kelley
TRICARE Management Activity

Many people enjoy a steaming cup of coffee, a soothing cup of tea or an ice-cold cola each day. Yet for some people, the amount of caffeine consumed in these products can lead to caffeine sensitivity or even addiction.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration classifies caffeine as safe. While its consumption in moderation generally has no effect on most people, it can have many effects on the body. It's a stimulant and it speeds up your central nervous system, giving you a temporary energy boost and making you feel more alert.

However, it also increases your heart rate, raises your blood pressure and acts as a diuretic, causing dehydration and frequent urination.

For those who are sensitive to caffeine, as little as one caffeinated beverage or food can cause such

symptoms as excitement, irritability, jitteriness and tension. Consuming excess amounts of caffeine can cause abnormal heart rhythms, anxiety, headaches, insomnia, stomach upset, restlessness and tremors. People who are smaller in size than average, under stress or who do not consume caffeinated foods and beverages regularly may experience these negative side effects more quickly than those who are larger than average, more relaxed or indulge in coffee, tea or cola regularly.

Other factors that impact your response to caffeine include your age; whether or not you smoke; use other drugs or take medications or supplements, or have certain health conditions such as high blood pressure, anxiety disorders; or if you are pregnant or nursing. Although consuming as many as 32 ounces of a caffeinated beverage per day will not negatively affect most people, the more caffeine you consume the more often you may want or need it, which may lead to addiction. Like any other drug, if you quit caf-

feine suddenly, you may experience symptoms of withdrawal like fatigue, headaches, mood swings or nervousness.

If you're thinking about reducing your caffeine intake, try these tips:

- * Note how much caffeine you consume.
- * Drink water when you're thirsty.
- * Order a smaller cup of coffee, tea or soda or drink one less caffeinated beverage per day.
- * Avoid caffeinated energy drinks.
- * Brew tea for a shorter time or switch to non-caffeinated herbal teas instead.
- * Read over-the-counter medication labels and avoid those that contain caffeine.

To learn more about caffeine, visit www.nlm.nih.gov, a service of the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

January 7
Joilee Marie Haggerty, a girl, 5 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Justin Haggerty and Joanna Haggerty.

Andrew Connor Kraft, a boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Matthew Kraft and Alisa Kraft.

January 8
Alayna Belle McMahel, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Eugene Edward McMahel and Spc. Sabrina Monique Phillips.

Katya Vanessa Reyes, a girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Jaime Reyes and Katya M. Reyes.

Cheyenne Catherin Ronstadt, a girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Bryant Sadt Ronstadt and Beth Ann Ronstadt.

January 10
Ashlyn Paisley Chase, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Joey Allen Chase and Laurie Michelle Chase.

Connor Jonathan Mott, a boy, 6 pounds, 5 ounces,

born to Sgt. Jonathan Michael Mott and Danielle Vera Mott.

January 11
Hayley Taylor Murphy, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Terry R. Murphy and Robyn M. Murphy.

Raymon Allen Osborn, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Shane Osborn and Tiffany Osborn.

Jamie Madelyn Saldana, a girl, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Capt. Ruben Gaime Saldana and Rochelle Nichole Saldana.

Lexanna Charmaine-Doreen Vasquez, a girl, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Petty Officer Vincent Christopher Vasquez and Alyssa Christine Vasquez.

January 12
Kassandra Carolina Fuentes, a girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pvt. Julian Moses Fuentes and Monica Fuentes.

January 13
Kristian Alexander Hines, a boy, 5 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Clay Hines and Katherine Hines.

Kaitlyn Sierra Jackowski, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born

to Capt. Steven Jackowski and Shari Jackowski.

Na'Lia Desiree Lemon, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Bobby D. Lemon and Sgt. April D. Lemon.

Nolan James Socha, a boy, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Darryl Eugene Socha and Kimberly Jo Socha.

January 14
Jeffrey Thomas Brodeur, a boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. Thomas Scott Brodeur and Spc. Ashley Dianna Brodeur.

Dagony Milo Dutton, a boy, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Murry Dutton and Kimberly Michele Dutton.

January 15
Ta'Kira Za'Quinn Jackson, a girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pfc. Jonisha Jackson.

January 16
Andre Rashad Thomas Jr., a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Andre Rashad Thomas and Kristian Nicole Thomas.



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Super Bowl XLIII @ FS
1 Feb., 5 p.m. – Rocky's, Bldg 703.
Kickoff scheduled for about 6 p.m. Join the excitement when NFL's best collide (Cardinals vs Steelers) in Super Bowl XLIII at Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, FL. Come watch all the action on several big-screen TVs. No charge. For more information, call 767-8715.

Valentine's Dinner @ FS
4 Feb., 6:30 p.m. –Club Stewart, Bldg 405
Be My Valentine! Children, invite your Parents to a special dinner and an evening of fun, games, crafts and more. Menu features chicken fingers w/honey mustard and ranch, macaroni and cheese, buttered corn, herb roasted chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, vegetables medley and cake. Cost \$10 per person. Reservations are required. Space is limited, so reserve your seat by Feb 2. 568-2212

Town Hall Meeting @ FS & HAAF
5 Feb., 5:30 p.m. Club Stewart, Bldg 405
and Hunter Club, Bldg 6015
ACCS coordination. Military community has opportunity to address concerns or make suggestions to the panel about quality of life issues. You are invited to attend the meeting, watch live on Marne TV, or call in questions @ /67-ROCK or 315-ROCK. Door prizes awarded. For more information, call 767-1257 (FS) or 315-6816 (HAAF).

Valentine's Day Special @ Marne Lanes
14 Feb., 6 - 10 p.m. – Marne Lanes Bowling Center, Building 402
Bring your loved one to our Valentine's Day Special Sweetheart Date Night Bowl and bowl three games for \$.75 cents off regular price. /67-4866

Valentine's Day Dinner @ HAAF
14 Feb., 6:30 p.m. – Hunter Club, Bldg 6015
Children, invite your Parents to a special Valentine's Day dinner. It will be an evening of fun, games, craft and more. Menu features chicken fingers w/honey mustard and ranch, macaroni and cheese, buttered corn, herb roasted chicken, mashed potato w/ gravy, vegetables medley and cake. Cost \$10 per person. Reservations are required. Space is limited, so reserve your seat by Feb 9. 459-/925

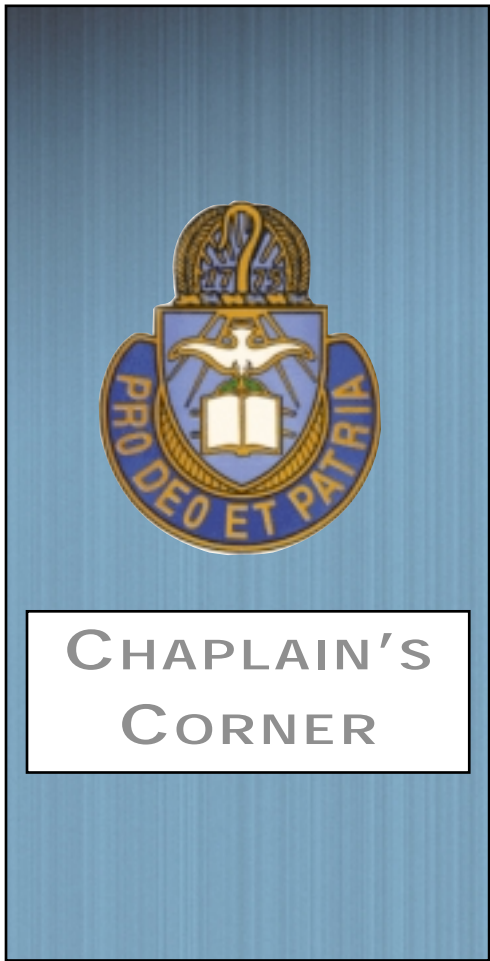
Teen Sweetheart Dance @ FS
14 Feb., 7 - 11 p.m. – Corkan Teen Recreation Center, Bldg 438
Teens (ages 13-18) invited to bring their sweethearts for memorable dance. Dinner drawing to win dinner for your sweetie. No charge. For details, call 767-6708.

Mardi Gras Sunday Brunch @ HAAF
15 Feb., 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Hunter Club, Bldg 6015
Join us for a taste of New Orleans in Georgia. Menu features breakfast items, gumbo w/white rice, Creole chicken, dirty rice, Mullalata & Po Boy sandwiches, ham loafs & red beans, crepe station w/assorted fillings, king cake, crème Brulee and beignets. Cost \$11.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) half price and (ages 4 & under) free. 459-/923

Mardi Gras Kids Cooking Class @ HAAF
15 Feb., 3 - 5 p.m. – Hunter Club, Bldg 6015
Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts, and more. Cost \$5 per child (ages 5-12). Reservations required (Limited space), call 459-/925.

Teen Babysitting Classes @ FS & HAAF
28-29 Mar: HAAF School Age Services, Bldg 1289
8-9 Jun, 22-23 Jun: FS Youth Center, Bldg 7338
Teens (13 and older) who would like to be trained and certified as babysitters will have opportunities at FS and HAAF Child, Youth and School Services/4-H Babysitting Course.
(1 Hunter) Classes scheduled for March 28-29 at School Age Youth Services, Bldg 1289.
(Stewart) Classes scheduled for June 8-9 and June 22-23 at Youth Center, Bldg 7338.
For registration information and course details, call 315 3425 (HAAF) or /67-7312 (FS).
No charge for classes. Course familiarizes teens with responsibilities of babysitting and provides information for them to become capable, caring, and trustworthy sitters.

We all can be great with service to the Lord



Chap. (Lt. Col.) Ken Godfrey
Hunter Garrison Chaplain

We all want to be great. What makes a person great? We recently celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr with a national holiday. When I was born in 1960 this idea would have been so unlikely. This slain civil rights leader was one of many voices for change in our country. My first installation chaplain was a man who had, as a young man, participated in “lunch counter sit ins” as part of the civil rights shift in America. On Jan. 20 we inaugurated the first black President of the United Sates. I think of many people who have initiated and fought for change in their culture such as William Wilberforce, who fought to end Britain's slave trade; Mother Teresa, who loved and served the poor, sick, and lost; missionaries at home and on foreign fields; those who fight to end human trafficking of children and adults for use as labor and sex slaves/prostitutes; and you can add to the list of great people.

Greatness has a lot to do with service. The Biblical prophet Micah long

ago said that the Almighty wants our heart for service. “*He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God*” (Micah 6:8).

King preached a sermon in 1968 on Mark 10 referencing James and John's desire to be first among Jesus' disciples.

He called this the drum major instinct, the desire to be first, to be noticed, to have preeminence. He preached that this drum major instinct can get the best of a person and cause harm, if not regulated.

“And the great issue of life is to harness the drum major instinct... If you want to be important—wonderful. If you want to be recognized—wonderful. If you want to be great—wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That's a new definition of greatness... Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not mat-

ter...” (www.stanford.edu).

“When the other 10 heard of this conversation, they lost their tempers with James and John. Jesus got them together to settle things down. “*You’ve observed how godless rulers throw their weight around,*” He said. “*And when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage*” (Mark 10: 41-45, The Message).

The good news is that we all can be great - because we all can serve. We can seek to order our lives around doing what is right and merciful and walking humbly in relationship with God and others.

The way we can all be great is to keep finding ways to serve our loved ones, our country, the world, and our God. We won't get our own national holiday, but we will be great to someone.

Chapel Schedule		
Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church	Diamond Elementary	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.
<u>Islamic</u>		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		
<u>Jewish</u>		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295.		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.
<u>Latter-Day Saints</u>		
Sunday	220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville	9 a.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Kids Church

Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday
at Stewart School Age Services, across from
Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel
Fellowship Hall, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty
and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty
Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia,
Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email
fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior High School Students!

Join us for
free games and pizza
Sunday • 6 to 8 p.m.
at the Stewart Youth Activity
Center, building 7338.

For more information,
contact jerry.e.thompson@comcast.net
or
call 877-7207

Mass Choir rehearsals announced

The Liberty
County Community
Mass Choir is look-
ing for interested
participants. If you
would like to sing
with this choir,
please contact Judy
Forshee at 977-5918
or e-mail judith.forshee@us.army.mil
or Ronald Calhoun
at 786-5787 exten-
sion 209 or email
rcalhoun@schoolofchurchmusic.org.
Opportunities are
also available for
the Community
Chorus, soloist,
ensemble and
quartet. Come and
join this great com-
munity fellowship.
The 2009 Concert
Season begins Oct.
1 through Sept. 30.

Find a deal at the Shop of the Marne

Stop by Shop of
the Marne, Tuesday
or Thursday from 10
a.m. to 1 p.m. or the
first Saturday of the
month. The Shop is
located in building
25 off McNeely Road
behind the PX.
Come park in our
newly created park-
ing lot right in front
of the Shop!

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Live Oak Public Library Programs

Preschool Storytime

Children, ages 3 to 4 years-old are invited to join us for stories, songs, and more, 10:30 a.m. each Monday.

Tree Tots Storytime

Children, ages 1-2 have a special time 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday, where they too can experience songs, stories and more.

Introduction to the Internet

Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or equivalent knowledge. This is a beginner's course on using the Internet offered 10:30 a.m., Feb. 5 at the Liberty Branch Library. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Introduction to Publisher

Learn to use this desktop publishing program to create newsletters, fliers, calendars, and more 10:30 a.m. Feb. 7 at Liberty Branch Library. Intermediate Word is a prerequisite. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Story time for children

Razzle Dazzle! The magical art of storytelling, presented by Lillian Grant-Baptiste is 10:30 a.m., Feb. 9 at the Liberty Branch Library for children 5 and older. Young participants who attend this session will take a magical and interactive journey into the world of storytelling. They will be dazzled and delighted by the colorful and energetic performance. For more information, call 368-4003.

Find it at your library with the Internet

Learn to use electronic databases found in GALILEO or others on our internet page in this class, 7 p.m., Feb. 11, at the Liberty Branch Library. A prerequisite is Introduction to the Internet or similar skills. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Computer practice session slated

Want to practice skills that you discovered at the last computer class? Or if you want to brush up on some computer techniques, come on in. Staff will be ready and able to assist you with the questions that you might have 10:30, Feb. 12 and 26. For more information, call Liberty Branch Library at 368-4003

Introduction to Windows

A beginner's computer course on using a mouse, manipulating the windows, and printing is offered 10:30 a.m., Feb. 19 at the Liberty Branch Library. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Enjoy Black Heritage Bingo

Black Heritage Bingo features events and African Americans who have changed the world. It is held 5 p.m., Feb. 19 at the Midway Branch Library, 884-5742. In addition it will be held at 2 p.m., Feb. 21 at Liberty Branch Library. For more information, call 368-4003. The event is designed for ages 5 and older.

Roads close for construction

The intersection of Memorial Dr., Welborn St., and Rebecca St. is now open for local traffic, but Memorial Dr. will remain closed approximately 100 feet east of the intersection.

Construction workers will be connecting Welborn St. and Rebecca St. to the new Memorial Dr. corridor. Tentatively, Main St. is scheduled to be closed now through tomorrow for the installation of curbing, sidewalk, and roadway, with intermittent lane closures to follow while streets are paved.

Mardi Gras Auction slated

Enjoy Cajun cuisine and the sounds of the Ben Tucker Trio while bidding on many fantastic items at the second annual St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School Mardi Gras Auction 6:30 p.m., Feb. 21. Sonny Dixon will be our guest auctioneer for the live auction. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple and include dinner and drinks. For more information, call 925-6249.

Get ready for Ranger Run

Community members are invited to the Ranger/Hunter Runway 10K 9 a.m., Feb. 28 on Hunter Army Airfield at the 1st Ranger Battalion Compound.

Registration is \$25 and will be cut-off Feb. 20. The race is limited to the first 1,000 participants. Prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female age-group winners. All participants will receive a short sleeve t-shirt along with post race snack and beverage. All proceeds will benefit the 1st Ranger Battalion Family Readiness Group.

You may register at the following locations: Headquarters, 1st ranger Battalion on Hunter; Fleet Feet Sports of Savannah, www.fleetfeetsavannah.com; Savannah Striders, www.savystriider.com; and WTOC's Web site, www.wtoc.com.

Enjoy Savannah Winds

The Spring concert of the Savannah Winds will be given 7:30 p.m., March 10 in the Armstrong Atlantic State University Fine Arts Hall, 11935 Abercorn St. Tickets are available by calling 912-344-2801, ordering online (MC or VISA) at www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets, or at the door.

Abraham Lincoln discussed

In recognition of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the Georgia Historical Society is partnering with Savannah Chatham County Public Schools' Massie Heritage Center to bring Civil War scholar and University of Georgia professor Stephen

Berry to Savannah, today.

Berry will lead a public discussion of his book House of Abraham: Lincoln and the Todds, A Family Divided by War.

The event will take place at 7 p.m., at the Massie Heritage Center, 207 East Gordon Street on Calhoun Square in Savannah.

The program will include a brief lecture by Dr. Berry on his book, followed by a discussion with the audience. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event.

Donors receive certificates

Wreaths for Warriors Walk, Inc. (W4WW) recently presented certificates of appreciation and a commemorative plaque to The Heritage Bank of Hinesville and GeoVista Credit Union. W4WW uses donations to place a Christmas wreath on each of the living memorial trees on Warriors Walk at Fort Stewart in memory of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terror.

Platinum donors are those donors who have donated more than 100 wreaths. Both the Heritage Bank and GeoVista Credit Union have achieved platinum level in both 2007 and 2008. W4WW wishes to thank all the donors who have made the ceremony possible and all those who attended this year's ceremony.

More information about W4WW is available at www.w4ww.org

Volunteer at Fort McAllister

Fort McAllister State Historic Park will hold a Civil War Tust Volunteer Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 4. Volunteers will assist the park staff with a spring clean up of the fort and grounds.

T-shirts and lunch will be provided for the volunteers. In addition, a historical talk will be given on the fort. For more information, contact Daniel Brown, park manager at 727-2339.

StoryCorps comes to Savannah

The Georgia Historical Society and the Telfair Museum of Art are partnering with Georgia Public Broadcasting and local GPB station WSVH to bring StoryCorps, the nation's largest oral history project to Savannah. StoryCorps travels the country collecting the oral histories of friends and loved ones, one conversation at a time.

The StoryCorps program is regularly heard on radio during NPR's Morning Edition and News And Notes. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to take home and share, and is archived for generations to come at the Library of Congress.

February is for festivals, reflection

Commentary by:
Bruce Muncher
DOIM

Welcome to February, a month short on days but full of events. A month steeped in heritage, where we honor those men who have set the foundation of independence for our great nation, a month dedicated to love, commitment, flowers and chocolate.

The month is full of festivals and reflection, both recent and past. A month full of words, lyrical and spoken, echoed and inscribed on walls of granite. But even February has its own history and uncommon traits. It was originally the last month of the calendar in 700 B.C. but was moved to the second month around 450 B.C.

February is the only month with an extra day added every four years (Leap Year.) Because it only has 28 days, it is the only month that can pass without a single full moon. A leap year is needed to help synchronize the calendar year with the solar year, which is the time it takes the Earth to circle the sun.

Every six years and twice every 11 years, February will have four full "seven-day weeks." This year is one of those years. So enjoy your February with someone you love and venture off the normal path to enjoy some of the surrounding events and festivities.

Feb. 1 – Super Bowl Sunday. The game starts at 6 p.m. and features the Cardinals vs. Steelers.

Feb. 3 – St Olaf Choir, Savannah Lucas Theater, 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$25. For more information, call 525-5050.

Feb. 6-8 – Savannah Book Festival at Telfair Square features 40 authors, to include Paula Deen. The event is free. For more information, call 358-0575.

Feb. 6 – First Friday Fireworks, Savannah River St., 9:30 p.m.

Feb. 7 – Tybee Island half kilometer and 8K marathon, 7 a.m. For more information, call 355-3527.

Feb. 7 – First Saturday on the River, Savannah River St., www.riverstreetsavannah.com.

Feb. 7 – Sweeney Todd, Johnny Mercer Theater, 8 p.m., \$25-\$47. For more information, call 651-6556.

Feb. 7 – Rocky Horror Picture Show, Savannah Lucas Theater, 8 p.m., \$20, For more information, call 525-5050.

Feb. 7 – Black Heritage Festival, Savannah Civic Center, 7 p.m. For more information about the free event, call 351-6320.

Feb. 8 – Mardi Gras Brunch, Club Stewart, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30.

Feb. 8 – Colonial Faire and Muster, Savannah Wormsloe Plantation, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free. For more information, call 353-3023.

Feb. 8 – Ebony Fashion Fair, Johnny Mercer Theater, 8 p.m. For more information, call 651-6556.

Feb. 13 – Cowboy Junkies Concert, Savannah Trustees Theater, 7:30 p.m., \$25, call 525-5050.

Feb. 13-15 – Savannah Irish Festival, Savannah Civic Center, \$10-\$15, www.savannahirish.org.

Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day.

Feb. 14 – Savannah Valentine Cruise, 6 p.m., \$150 Couple, www.savannahriverboat.com.

Feb. 14 – Annual Marriage Vow Renewal Ceremony, Savannah City Market, 7 p.m.

Feb. 14 – Tie the Knot Tybee, 5 p.m. Cost is \$30. For more information, call 786-5319, or visit www.tietheknotontybee.com.

Feb. 14 – Jekyll Island Big Band Dance, Jekyll Convention Center, 8-11 p.m., \$15. For more information, call 635-3636.

Feb. 15 – Mardi Gras Brunch, Hunter Club, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 15 – 51st Annual Daytona 500

Feb. 16 – President's Day

Feb. 18 – Footloose will be featured at the Johnny Mercer Theater, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$28-\$48. For more information, call 651-6556.

Feb. 19 – Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield will honor fallen Soldiers at Warrior's Walk Tree Dedication Ceremony, 10 a.m.

Feb. 19 – Learn about a tragic event with an "Evening with a Holocaust Survivor," at the Hunter Club, 5:30-8 p.m.

The event is free.

Feb. 20 – Enjoy Taste of Savannah at the Trade and Convention Center, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Tickets are \$50-\$75. For more information, call 232-1223.

Feb. 20-21 – St. Marys holds its annual Mardi Gras Festival and ball. For more information, call (800) 868-8687.

Feb. 20-21 – Enjoy Mardi Gras at Tybee Island. For more information, call 786-5393 or visit www.mardigrastybee.com.

Feb. 21 – Dinner with General Oglethorpe, Darien Ga., 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$30. For more information, call 437-4770.

Feb. 21 – Southern Rice Plantation, Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Brunswick Ga., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 264-7333

Feb. 26 – Citizen Cope Concert,

Savannah Trustees Theater, 8 p.m. Cost is \$15-\$25. For more information, call 525-5050

Feb. 27, Savannah Philharmonic Beethoven 5th, Cathedral of St John, 8 p.m., \$30 - \$65

Feb. 27-28 – Savannah Springtime in the South, Trade & Convention Center, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$6.

You can check out all of the above local events and many others in the surrounding area by checking out www.stewart.army.mil, Quality Time magazine or the Quality Time calendar.

Enjoy your time with Family and friends but be safe. Do not over indulge and do not drink and drive. Always think safety first.



Gwinelle Colson

100 Days of School

Tatyana Puig, Lisa De La Cruz, Lauren Prox, and Breana Miller, 6th graders at Kessler Elementary School, were among the students who helped celebrate the 100th Day of School by participating in the creation of a spectacular flower mural. Students each brought in 100 pennies to count out onto the design, which covers half of the gymnasium's floor. The funds are to be used for establishing an outdoor classroom and garden at the school.



Army Community Service

Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability. We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to active, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family Members, regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense Civilian Employees are also eligible for most services, as are their Family Members. ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military.

For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058/5059. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

Humorous presentation held

Are you laughing enough? Nationally-known speaker and consultant Craig Zablocki will present a lighthearted and humorous presentation entitled Positively Humor, Feb. 11 at Fort Stewart. This presentation will leave you motivated and inspired to see life in a different way. You will be moved to take action that will bring positive results both to your work and personal life. Zablocki unscripted style has been compared to a hybrid of Robin Williams and Wayne Dyer. He uses humor to create a safe place to help you explore your own feelings associated with stress, tragedy, or any hardship. Learn the importance of accepting what is and how to take that journey one moment at a time. There will be three one-hour presentations at the Main Post Chapel, beginning at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Open to Soldiers and their spouses (due to the content of this presentation, please do not bring children). For more information, please contact your local ACS.

Orientations slated

Newcomers to Hunter Army Airfield are invited to a windshield bus tour departing 9:30 a.m., Feb. 19 from ACS-Hunter. Also, be sure to mark your calendar for 11 a.m., March 12 because you won't want to miss the Newcomer's Expo and Information Fair at Hunter Club.

Fort Stewart offers a comprehensive newcomer's orientation each Tuesday and Thursday with an overview of the many agencies, events, and programs available to help with your transition to the area. A windshield bus tour of Stewart and Hinesville departs at 1 p.m. from the Sgt. Audie Murphy Soldier Service Center, also each Tuesday and Thursday.

To register for bus tours, please call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058 at Stewart and ask for Relocation Readiness. To register for Stewart's newcomer orientation, please call ACS Outreach at 767-9176.

Bowl with EFMP

A fun night of bowling for Family Members enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program begins at 6 p.m. at Marne Lanes, Feb. 2. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other Army Families and enjoy an evening of active bowling with your Family and the EFMP staff. For more information on the Exceptional Family Member Program, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Chill and Chat at Hunter

Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed, stressed out, or sad? Chill and Chat gives you a chance to talk and unload your concerns. Hosted by the Military and Family Life Consultants 9 a.m. every Monday at ACS-Hunter (no session Feb. 16 due to the holiday), Chill and Chat offers an opportunity to discuss deployment or any other concerns with a knowledgeable professional. Please call 315-6816 and let us know you will be coming.

Your Soldier is home, now what

Learn how to best prepare for and deal with the changes for you, your children, and your Soldier upon redeployment (challenges of the reunion, intimacy issues, communication and conflict resolution skills and more) and

develop tools to make the transition a smooth one. Soldiers and spouses are invited to meet at ACS-Hunter Feb. 2 beginning at 12:30 p.m. The session repeats at ACS-Stewart beginning at 10:30 a.m., Feb. 4.

For directions or information, please call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058/5059 at Stewart. Also ask about child care.

Don't let emotions control you

Come to a full-day workshop and learn healthy techniques for coping with life's many stressors, positive ways to react to an angry person, healthy outlets for releasing angry emotions, and information on the many community resources available to help when stress, anger, or conflict disrupt your home or work life. To register for the stress and anger management workshop, call 315-6816 for the Feb. 6 session at Hunter, or 767-5058/5059 for the Feb. 27 session at Stewart.

Overseas briefings slated

Moving to Korea or Germany? Come and learn about your new duty station! You will receive a packet of information pertinent to your new duty station, as well as learn about services that will help make your move a smooth one. Family Members are highly encouraged to attend. Call to 767-5058/5059 to register for the overseas briefing at Stewart, Feb. 3 or call 315-6816 to sign up for the Feb. 4 briefing at Hunter.

Also ask about Kids on the Move, a new program to help children learn about their new home.

Understand your baby

Parents with a newborn or those who are expecting are invited to Baby Talk. Learn the basics of newborn care, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and methods for comforting your crying infant. Baby Talk is offered at Stewart, Feb. 11 and at Hunter, Feb. 24. Grandparents and caregivers are also invited to attend. To register, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Learn about your toddler

Parents with children ages 1 to 4 are invited to attend a three-week workshop entitled 1,2,3,4 Parents! Mom and Dad will learn techniques for bonding with your child, how to keep your child safe, why your child acts like he/she does, and why taking care of yourself is important. At Hunter, the class begins Feb. 3 and continues each Tuesday from 12:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Stewart, the class begins Feb. 4 and continues each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Advance registration is required. Please plan to attend all three sessions.

Learn the art of step parenting

A new series for Families with stepchildren ages 2 to 17 begins Feb. 4 at ACS-Stewart. Active Parenting Now for Step Families is a six-part workshop open to step parents, foster parents, single parents preparing for remarriage, parents of adopted children, and others who care for children after separation or loss. The series is scheduled for Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, March 4, March 11, and March 18. Call 767-5058/5059 to register. Please plan to attend all six sessions.

Join Baby Bootcamp

Men who are expecting a baby or have children up to age two are invited to an interactive class where you'll learn the correct way to hold, diaper, dress, and bathe your little one. Challenge the stereotype and take the initiative to be a hands-on dad. Mom will be thrilled, and you will reap the reward of building a special bond with your child that will last a lifetime. Please call 315-6816 to register for the class at Hunter, Feb. 10 beginning at 11:30 a.m., or 767-5058/5059 for the class at Stewart, Feb. 25 beginning at 10 a.m.

Live life debt-free

Yes! It is possible to live without debt when you learn to manage your personal finances, understand credit terms, and develop efficient plans to pay off debt. Register now for Life without Debt, presented by your financial readiness team. We will teach you the skills you need to get control of your finances so you can enjoy life without debt! The class is conveniently offered

at Stewart beginning at 6 p.m., Feb. 11. Call 767-5058/5059 to register. Also ask about a no-cost personal financial counseling session.

Learn the truths and myths of credit reports. Do you know your credit score? Have you reviewed your credit report? Here's your opportunity to learn the true facts of what is and what is not included in your credit report and score, and how credit bureaus collect and organize information about you and your credit history for public records, your creditors, and other sources. Also learn what is considered potentially negative on your credit report and your rights as a consumer to dispute items. This special finance class at Stewart begins 2 p.m., Feb. 18. Please call 767-5058/5059 to register.

Keep your money

Have you ever paid an overdraft fee to your bank? Most everyone has at one time or another, but there are several things you can do to avoid it. At Hunter, Money Management focuses on personal finances skills including checking account management and debt management. At Stewart, Checking Account Management teaches you the importance of properly balancing your checkbook and reconciling your bank account to avoid those nagging overdraft fees. Take steps now to keep your money in your pocket instead of giving it to the bank! Call 315-6816 to register for the 9 a.m. class at Hunter, Feb. 11, or 767-5058/5059 for the 1 p.m. class at Stewart, Feb. 25.

Employment help is available

Your Employment Readiness team also offers a variety of free workshops to help you succeed in your job search.

Job seekers at Hunter are encouraged to attend Job Hunting 101, Feb. 12. Also recommended for newly-arriving military Family Members seeking employment is the Employment and Career Orientation at Stewart, also Feb. 12.

Resume Writing helps you identify skills to enhance your resume development, offered at Stewart 2 p.m., Feb. 9 or Feb. 23, and at Hunter 10 a.m., Feb. 5 or Feb. 19.

If you are seeking a job with the federal government, learn the insider's tips for entering your resume in the electronic system, searching jobs, and maximizing your skills for the most impact. Resumix is offered at Stewart on three separate dates, Feb. 11, 18, or 25 and at Hunter, Feb. 17.

You must pre-register for employment readiness workshops; please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also request a personal employment counseling session and let us help you prepare to find the job you want.

Join spouse-support groups

Hearts Apart is open to any spouse whose loved one is away, whether in training for more than two weeks, on assignment far from home, or deployed. Come chat with others who are also experiencing their Soldier's absence. Hearts Apart meets at Stewart 11 a.m., Feb. 4 at the relocation office located in building 443, and at ACS-Hunter 11:30 a.m., Feb. 10.

Our Foreign-Born Spouse Network provides an opportunity for members from various cultures to share resources, discuss the American way of life and develop friendships. Meet at ACS-Hunter on Neal Blvd. (building 1279) beginning at 11 a.m. Feb. 17. At Stewart, meet at the relocation office beginning at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish to share, if you can. Children are always welcome at spouse groups, and feel free to invite a friend! For information on spouse groups, call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058/5059 at Stewart.

Attend FRG Training

The next Family Readiness Group Basic Course will be at Stewart 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Feb. 24. Open to all FRG participants, Family Members, and unit leadership, this course teaches an overview of the FRG, tasks during the deployment cycle, expectations and roles for FRG volunteers, communicating with Families, dealing with the media, resources and funding, and more. Call 767-5058/5059 to register.

At Hunter, Family Care Team Training teaches skills to perform a valuable role

to both Families of fallen and injured Soldiers, Feb. 24 and 26. The two-day training provides an understanding of responsibilities and guidance on how to handle issues you are likely to use. To register, please call 315-6816.

Also ask about child care.

Learn and grow with AFTB

Living within an Army Family culture can be challenging, and Army Family Team Building offers several classes to help Families thrive in the military lifestyle.

AFTB Level I: "Learn the Army" teaches basic skills and knowledge to succeed in the military environment. Discussions include how the mission impacts Family life, the importance of financial readiness, an introduction to Family Readiness Groups, basic military benefits and entitlements, and military customs and courtesies, Feb.3-5 at Stewart and Feb. 11-12 at Hunter.

Level II "Grow!" teaches skills to enhance personal growth and development with modules in communication, time management, personality traits, team dynamics, managing stress and conflicts, creative problem solving, introduction to leadership and more, Feb. 17-19 at Stewart.

Wondering what "Rock of the Marne" means? Curious about the smiling bulldog, Rocky? Learn the history of the 3rd Infantry Division, the Dogface Soldier song, and much more at Dogface Soldier for Families, Feb. 18 at Stewart.

Advance registration is required for all AFTB classes. Please call 767-5058/5059 and let us know you will be coming. Also ask about child care.

Bring kids to Play Mornings

Parents are invited with their children (ages 0 to 5) to spend time playing together. Led by an energetic and playful adult from our New Parent Support Program, Play Mornings are designed for meeting, sharing, and playing with other military Families in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. At Stewart, Play Mornings are held each Thursday at the Bryan Village Youth Center. At Hunter, Play Mornings are held each Tuesday at the New Gannam Community Center. The fun begins at 10 a.m. at both locations. Come on down and see what all the fun is about!

Get help with MFLC

Military and Family Life Consultants are available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life. At Hunter, appointments can be made by calling 704-9505 or 655-8327. Appointments at Stewart can be made by calling 492-6367, 492-6428, 432-1033, 536-7854, or 432-1798.

If you prefer to meet with a counselor somewhere off-post, please call 432-0013 to schedule an appointment and request a location that is convenient for you.

Walk-in services are also available without appointment at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, 1 p.m. each Friday; Glennville Welcome Center, 1 p.m. each Thursday, Pembroke Senior Center, 2 p.m. each Monday, and Hinesville National



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Town Hall Meeting at Stewart, Hunter

Special to the Frontline

The Military community has an opportunity to address concerns or make suggestions to the panel about Stewart and Hunter quality of life issues at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 5.

You are invited to attend the meeting at Club Stewart, building 405 or Hunter Club, building 6015. You can watch the meeting live on Marne TV, or call in questions at 767-ROCK or 315-ROCK. Door prizes will be awarded.

The Town Hall Meeting is coordinated by Army Community Service. The last Town Hall meeting was Nov. 6, 2008. At that event the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Col. Todd Buchs hosted a panel of subject matter experts from various directorates and agencies to field community members' questions and concerns. Included below are taskings developed from questions and responses at that meeting.

Tasking: Provide status of the Information Magnet issued to all on-post residents.

Response from DPW/BBC: Magnets are given to incoming personnel. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Community Mayors have gone door-to-door to deliver magnets to all residents. If you are missing a magnet, you may visit your local leasing office to get a new one.



Pfc. Jared Eastman

Practice Motorcycle Safety

Sergeant Jason Robertson, Co. F 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, performs a swerve test before 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team's Motorcycle Mentorship Program run, Jan. 26.

OSC sponsors Monte Carlo night

Special to the Frontline

The Fort Stewart Officers' Spouses' Club will sponsor Monte Carlo Casino Night 7-11 p.m., March 6 at Club Stewart, building 405.

The OSC welcomes all of the military community as well as the general public to this event. Attendees are encouraged to strut their stuff down our red carpet in their best 'dressty casual' outfits for a night of charity and fun!

Tickets will be \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the event. Admission will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and complementary tokens for the charity game tables that feature "Monte Carlo" casino style games.

A shop filled with items and baskets donated from local businesses, Family readiness groups and unit coffee groups will be available to go

toward prizes. The evening will include opportunity prizes, a live auction, on going silent auctions, and fashion police patrolling the event for 'offenders.'

Attendees must be 18 and over to participate. Parking for the event is free and anyone entering Fort Stewart must have a valid driver's license, automobile registration and proof of insurance.

The Fort Stewart Officers' Spouses' Club is a registered non-profit organization. The proceeds of this event are returned to the community through the OSC Scholarship program and by donations to many deserving programs both on and off post.

Those interested in attending this event can purchase tickets from OSC board members or at the Shop of the Marne on Fort Stewart at building 25. For more information, please contact Laura at osccasinonight@gmail.com or 845-596-1331.

Winn Briefs

Volunteers welcome

Winn Army Community Hospital is seeking adult volunteers who are interested in performing administrative, clerical or clinical duties throughout the hospital. The next hospital volunteer orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m., Feb. 4 in the Patriot Auditorium at Winn.

For more information, call Brigitte Shanken at 435-6903.

Winn/Tuttle observe holiday

Monday, Feb. 16 is President's Day, a federal holiday. On that day, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. The pharmacy will also be closed. Full operations resume Feb. 17.

All services, to include the pharmacy, at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the

Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Feb. 16. Full operations resume Feb. 17.

Health Beat newsletter online

You can check out the Health Beat newsletter online at www.winn.amedd.army.mil/health-beat.htm. This is a Patient and Family Centered Care monthly newsletter with information and updates for the beneficiaries of Winn Army Community Hospital, Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic.

Road closes permanently

Effective Jan. 12, the Winn Army Community Hospital access road section between the MRI trailer and PTMS building, building 303 will be permanently closed. This road has been per-

manently closed for security and safety risk reduction. If you have any questions, please call 435-5216.

New early call center hours

The Winn Army Community Hospital Call Center is now open at 6:30 a.m. to book medical appointments. This will be a pilot program for Winn.

The Call Center will begin booking medical appointments for Tuttle in Feb. and for Hawks TMC beginning in March. Please call 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Remember you can still book appointments online via www.tricare-online.com.

Book appointments online

Want an alternative to calling the appointment line? TRICARE online

ly fill vacant positions with qualified candidates. This does not circumvent any personnel rules or regulations.

Tasking: Advertise dates, times and minutes from Fort Stewart School Board meetings.

Response from the Installation Public Affairs Office: We coordinate school board meeting issues with Dr. Joseph Guiendon's office. We are already advertising the school board meeting times and dates and intend to continue. A picture of the school board members and periodic features on topics important to the community and schools will continue to be printed in The Frontline, on the reader boards and on Marne TV.

Tasking: Investigate allegation of inappropriate entries in some Brittin Elementary student's journals.

Response from Fort Stewart Schools: Not all journals were being read by teachers after each writing session. Since quick intervention is best, teachers will be reminded to read all students' journals after each session.

Tasking: Provide the status of opening Liberty Woods' Gate earlier in the morning.

Response from DES: The vehicle gate located at Austin Road and Highway 144 East, (Gate 4) is open from 7:30 - 9 a.m. on 3rd Infantry Division physical training weekdays.

The purpose of this gate is to allow personnel living in Liberty Woods a route to their quarters following PT that avoids increased cantonment area traffic associated with the start of the school day (parents dropping off kids, teachers/staff coming to work, etc). The gate operating hours have a tremendous positive impact on Stewart's overall traffic ability during the morning commute. Opening Gate 4 earlier in the morning would have no impact on installation traffic patterns. Gates 1 is located at Bultman Ave. and General Screven Way. Gate 3 is at Harmon Ave and Fort Stewart 47. Gate 5 is at Gulick Ave. and Hwy 144E. Gate 7 is located on 15th Street. All gates continue to remain operational 24-hours a day, seven-days a week. Additionally, Gate 2 on East 4th Street and Troupe Ave., and Gate 8 on Frank Cochran Drive are open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Tasking: Advertise next babysitting course in the Frontline and Marne TV.

Response from Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation/Child Youth School Services. The next CYSS babysitting course is scheduled for Fort Stewart 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 8-9 and June 22-23. The phone number on Stewart is 767-2312. The next class on Hunter is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 28-29. The phone number is 315-6191.

A marketing brochure and the babysitting course schedule have been distributed to CYSS centers, MWR facilities and to the BBC community centers. Additionally, Stewart classes will be advertised on the Newman Fitness Center, Front Gate, and Club Stewart signs. In addition, an MWR Ad in Frontline, Coastal Courier, The Frontline's MWR Briefs, Marne TV, MWR Monthly, Community Network Notes, and Quality Time magazine will feature the information.

The Hunter classes will be advertised on the Hunter electronic sign, The Frontline, MWR Ad, The Frontline's MWR Briefs, Marne TV, MWR Monthly, CNN, and Quality Time.

Corkan offers Feb fun

Special to the Frontline

All during February, the Corkan Family Recreation Area is offering a number of specials to serve Soldiers and their Families. Here is a listing of a few. For more information, call 767-6708.

- Kids Indoor Kick Ball, 5-7 p.m. each Monday.
- Roller Hockey, 8-10 p.m. each Thursday.
- Teen Wii Challenge, each Sunday (all day) at the Teen Center, building 438.

- My Poetry-Rap Style, Feb. 6 at the Teen Center.
- I Got Rhythm Let's Dance, Feb. 7 at the Teen Center.
- Hoops Nite, Feb. 12 at the Teen Center.
- Valentine's Day Party at Cypress Sam's Treehouse, building 449, Feb. 13.
- Yes I Got Tunes Challenge at the Teen Center, Feb. 20.
- Rock Band Mardi Gras Style, Feb. 21 at the Teen Center.